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IN SPITE DE GAULLES FIRM POSITION ON ALLIED RIGHTS IN BERLIN AND ON GERMAN PROBLEM IN GENERAL, IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED FREQUENTLY THAT WHEN CHIPS ARE DOWN THE FRENCH WOULD NOT BE WILLING TO USE FORCE AND THAT ONE OF MOTIVES FOR DE GAULLES REFUSAL TO PARTICIPATE IN NEGOTS WITH USSR IS FACT THAT FRENCH HAVE SO TO SPEAK WRITTEN OFF BERLIN.

IT OCCURS TO US THAT THERE ARE PASSAGES IN DE GAULLES LETTER JAN 11 TO PRES KENNEDY WHICH COULD BE EXPLOITED IN MANNER WHICH WOULD PUT FRANCES POSITION FIRMLY ON RECORD AND WOULD EFFECTIVELY COUNTERACT ABOVE ALLEGATIONS.

FOR EXAMPLE DE GAULLE PROPOSES IN PENULTIMATE PARA OF HIS LETTER THAT UUSS, UK AND FRANCE "AFFIRM TOGETHER THAT THEY WOULD OPPOSE BY ALL METHODS JANS SOV ATTEMPT TO MODIFY BY FORCE THE PRESENT SITUATION IN GERMANY, INCLUDING BERLIN".

IN FIFTH PARA LETTER DE GAULE EMPHASIZES HOW IMPORTANT IT IS THAT EACH OF THREE WESTERN ALLIES, PARTICULARLY US, CONTINUE GIVE GERMAN PEOPLE VIEW THAT THEY "INTEND TO MAINTAIN EVERYWHERE, IN EVERY CASE AND BY EVERY MEANS, THE SITUATION WHICH HAS BEEN TRUE SINCE WAR."

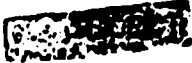
SHOULD WE WISH TO GET PUBLIC REASSURANCES OF DE GAULLES POSITION IT SHOULD NOT BE DIFFICULT TO FIND APPROPRIATE

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OCCASIONS FOR MAKING JOINT DECLARATION ALONG LINES OF "IT SEEMS APPROPRIATE AT THIS JUNCTURE FOR US, UK AND FRANCE TO REITERATE AGAIN PUBLICLY THEIR DETERMINATION TO REMAIN IN BERLIN ETC".

NOT ONLY WOULD THIS SERVE AS BASIS FOR GETTING DE GAULLE ON RECORD FOR MAINTAINING STATUS QUO IN BERLIN BUT IT WOULD BE USEFUL AS REASSURANCE TO GERMANY AND PARTICULARLY TO WEST BERLIN.

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